

Lesson III.

JESUS TRANSFIGURED

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Mark 9 : 2-13. Compare Matt. 17 : 1-13 ; Luke 9 : 28-36 ; 2 Pet. 1 : 16-21—Memory Verses, 2-4.

Golden Text—A voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son : hear him.—Mark 9 : 7.



2 And after six days Je'sus taketh *with him* Pe'ter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves : and he was transfigured before them.

3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow ; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

4 And there appeared unto them Eli'as with Mo'ses : and they were talking with Je'sus.

5 And Pe'ter answered and said to Je'sus, Master, it is good for us to be here : and let us make three tabernacles ; one for thee, and one for Mo'ses, and one for Eli'as.

6 For he wist not what to say ; for they were sore afraid.

7 And there was a cloud that overshadowed them : and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son : hear him.

8 And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Je'sus only with themselves.

9 And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son

of man were risen from the dead.

10 And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean.

11 And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes that Eli'as must first come ?

12 And he answered and told them, Eli'as verily cometh first, and restoreth all things ; and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought.

13 But I say unto you, That Eli'as is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is written of him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The most beautiful mountain in the country in which Jesus lived was Mount Hermon, which was so high that its shining, snowy peak could be seen from almost every part of Palestine. When Jesus came to Cæsarea Philippi He was very near Mount Hermon, and about a week after Peter had made his great confession, that his master was the Son of God, Jesus one evening went up the mountain-side to pray, taking with Him Peter, and James and John.

While He was praying, the disciples, being wearied with their steep climb, fell fast asleep on the ground. Suddenly they were awakened by a bright light, more glorious than any they had ever seen. Quickly arous-

ing themselves, they looked toward the spot where Jesus was still praying, and as they looked they saw that His face had grown bright like the sun itself, whilst His garments, which they knew were made of the same stuff as their own, became white and glistening like snow, and appeared to flash like lightning. In the midst of the brightness the disciples now saw two heavenly strangers, who talked with Jesus about the death He should die at Jerusalem, and who, the disciples learned, were Moses and Elias.

Peter, overcome by surprise and excitement at what he had seen, and hardly knowing what he was saying, now began to cry out. "Master !" he said, "it is good for us